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## Newfoundland and Labrador announces 1st presumptive case of new coronavirus



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Health officials in Newfoundland and Labrador say a resident has been presumptively diagnosed with COVID-19, the disease caused by the new [coronavirus](#).

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Dr. Janice Fitzgerald, the province's chief medical officer of health, told reporters the patient is a woman who recently went on a Caribbean cruise.

"She is currently self-isolating," Fitzgerald said. "Public health has notified the patient and contact tracing is initiated."

The province has tested 144 people so far. Of those, 67 were negative and the rest are pending results from the national lab. Fitzgerald said 121 people are in isolation across the province.



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If confirmed, Saturday's case marks the first time the illness has been diagnosed in the province.

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"We knew our province would eventually get cases, and there are plans in place to respond," Fitzgerald said.

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We apologize that there were audio issues with this evening's media availability with Dr. Janice Fitzgerald, Chief Medical Officer of Health. You can view the entire event at the following link:

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